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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2011, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14, 16-19, and 21-22 are now pending in this Application. Claims 1, 8, 12, and 18 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 12 and 18 have been amended and claims 23-26 have been cancelled. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended Applicants representative during a telephone conversation on April 5, 2011 wherein claim amendments were discussed. As agreed on between the Examiner and Applicants representative, claims 1, 8, 12 and 18 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 23-26 respectively. Accordingly, the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

As Applicants' remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicants' silence as to assertions made by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., assertions regarding dependent claims, whether a reference constitutes prior art, whether references are legally combinable for obviousness purposes) is not and should not be considered a concession by Applicants that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicants reserve the right to analyze and dispute such in the future.

In view of the above, the Examiner's objections and rejections are believed to have been overcome placing the pending claims in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an online payment made herewith, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the submitted papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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